

CATLIN GABEL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

2025-2027





STRENGTHENING OUR CORE

A PLAN TO DO WHAT WE DO BEST—EVEN BETTER

Catlin Gabel is at an important moment—not to reinvent, but to refine and strengthen what makes our school exceptional. As we navigate a leadership transition in the next two years and deliver on existing commitments, this bridge plan focuses on evergreen priorities that ensure we continue to deliver an outstanding education, support our diverse community of students and faculty, and build a strong foundation for the future.

Through surveys, interviews, and focus groups with families, employees, trustees and students, we heard a clear message:

- » Continue investing in great teachers and the academic experience
- » Enhance student well-being, belonging for our diverse population, and school spirit
- » Strengthen financial sustainability to support our long-term vision

THE VALUE OF A CATLIN GABEL EDUCATION

At Catlin Gabel, progressive education is more than a philosophy—it's an approach to learning that develops in students the confidence, compassion, and critical thinking to lead courageously.

Students Learn by Doing

Instead of just reading about science, history, or the arts, students experience learning firsthand—through hands-on experiments, real world and relevant projects, and community engagement. Learning is active, not passive.

Questions Drive Learning

Students gain mastery while asking big, meaningful questions, sharing diverse perspectives that expand their understanding and critical thinking. They explore, research, experiment, and learn how to think rather than what to think.

Learning Extends Beyond the Classroom

Education happens in nature, the community, and the world, not just within four walls. Students collaborate on global issues, engage in outdoor learning, and develop problem-solving skills which help them pursue their passions and thrive in an ever-changing world.

Education Builds Confidence and Purpose

We believe in educating the whole child—intellectually, emotionally, physically, and ethically. Students are seen and supported, enabling them to graduate academically prepared and confident, inspired by a lifelong love of learning and knowing how to contribute to our diverse society.



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We are committed to providing a world-class education where every student is engaged, challenged, affirmed, and supported in their individual growth.

OBJECTIVES

Experiential and Student-Centered Learning

Empower students with hands-on experiences in and out of the classroom that connect learning to the real world, develop critical thinking and agency, and ensure an understanding of and appreciation for diverse perspectives.

Exceptional Teaching

Ensure educators have the professional development, mentorship, and feedback needed to understand and support each student and create engaging and inclusive classrooms.

Visible Learning

Collect and communicate data to support student progress and learning outcomes, helping families and students to better understand learning goals and overall academic growth for our diverse student population.



PRIORITY 3

STRONG FINANCIAL HEALTH & INSPIRATIONAL CAMPUS

WHY

Catlin Gabel's campus and financial resources must continue to align with our mission, values, and long-term sustainability goals in order to have a strong foundation for the future.

OBJECTIVES

Transformational Community Center

Create a campus hub that fosters connection and well-being through athletics, wellness programs, dining, and all-school community gatherings, and welcomes all into the Catlin Gabel experience.

Agile Campus Planning

Develop a values-aligned Campus Plan that balances care of aging facilities with groundbreaking projects that spark a sense of wonder and support the needs of all learners.

Financial and Enrollment Strength

Continue to be a market leading, fully enrolled independent school by strengthening financial discipline and demonstrating the value of a Catlin Gabel experience.